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1. ROSS JOHNSON -- FINAL SESSION WITH HIM SATURDAY. I THINK HE SAW ABOUT EVERYBODY HE WISHED TO, INCLUDING ZBIGNIEW SEKULSKI, THE YOUNG ROPCO AGITATOR FROM LODZ. ROSS SAID THE PISM PEOPLE WERE VERY COOPERATIVE. I'LL BE SENDING A FEW PAPERS FOR HIM TO JACK SEYMOUR. HE'S A GOOD MAN; WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM BACK.

2. VOA -- THE ANNOUNCER ON THE MAGAZINE REVIEW PROGRAM YESTERDAY AFTER THE 0600 GMT NEWS PROGRAM COMMENCED A REVIEW OF TAD SZUIC'S ARTICLE IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE SATURDAY REVIEW WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE ARTICLE REFERRED TO "... THE PUBLIC SQUABBLE BETWEEN NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISER BRZEZINSKI AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE". PLEASE ASK VOA TO CABLE US A COPY OF THE ARTICLE AND OF THE POLICY GUIDANCE INSTRUCTING IT TO DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP IN THOSE TERMS.

3. A DAY IN THE COUNTRY -- BOB GOSENDE AND I DROVE YESTERDAY TO ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI'S MOTHER'S HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY NEAR  
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PLOCK WITH ANDRZEJ' BROTHER LESZEK, A LAWYER, AND THE HISTORIANS ALEXANDER GIESZTOR, HENRYK SAMPSONOWICZ, AND ROMUALD KUDLINSKI. SOME INTERESTING CHITCHAT: ZYGMUNT NAJDOWSKI, THE FIRST VICE MINISTER OF CULTURE WHO RECENTLY CAME TO THE MINISTRY FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE POST IN TORUM, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER. HE IS REGARDED BY GIESZTOR AND SAMPOSONOWICZ AS "A VERY HONORABLE MAN" WHO

THEY EXPECT WILL LEAD THE MINISTRY OUT OF THE DISREPUTE INTO WHICH WILHELM DRAGGED IT. THE KATOWICE WRITERS' CONFERENCE WAS PERCEIVED BY ALL TO HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT, WITH BRAUN ACCLAIMED FOR A "TRULY HEROIC EFFORT". ON CENSORSHIP, GIESZTOR NONETHELESS FORESAW NO FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS. HE WAS AMUSED BY THE FUROR AT VOA OVER BRAUN'S REFERENCE TO KATYN. I IS SIMPLY A SUBJECT A HISTORIAN HERE CANNOT MENTION BECAUSE OF THE SYSTEM IN WHICH WE LIVE, HE SAID, BUT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED, ADDING THAT ONE OF HIS COUSINS PERISHED THERE. GIESZTOR WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS STAY IN HARVARD, SINGLING OUR ADAM ULAM FOR PARTICULAR PRAISE. WE HAD A "REGULAR POLISH MAFIA" THERE, HE SAID. HE WAS AWARE OF BARANCZYK'S INVITATION TO GO TO HARVARD AND COUNSELLED PATIENCE CONCERNING HIS PROBLEM IN GETTING A PASSPORT. "IT WILL COME IN TIME. I FELT BOTH SAD AND GUILTY THROUGH THAT LONG PLEASANT DAY, FOR THOUGH EARLY IN MY STAY HERE I RESOLVED TO GET TO KNOW POLISH SCHOLARS, PARTICULARLY HISTORIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS, I HAVE DONE VERY POORLY. BOTH HISTORIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS ARE A GREAT LIBERAL FORCE IN THIS SOCIETY, AND MOST OF THEM ARE FINE FRIENDS OF THE US. ON THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER, IT BECAME MORE OBVIOUS AS THE DAY WORE ON THAT LIBERAL MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY SEE THAT INSTITUTION AS A SYMBOL OF POLISH SCHOLARS' TILT TO THE WEST AND A SORT OF LEAVENING ELEMENT THAT WILL DIMINISH AND ULTIMATELY DESTROY HARDLINE INFLUENCE IN THE UNIVERSITY. ALL THE MORE REASON NEVER TO USE THAT CENTER AS ANY SORT

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OF GAMBIT IN AN ARGUMENT IN A CASE SUCH AS BARANCZYK'. KUDLINSKI WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS STAY IN BLOOMINGTON. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN CHARMED BY RYAN AND HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE WORK OF MARY ELLEN SOLT.

4. ROY WALD'S REPLACEMENT -- I DON'T KNOW THE TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY CONSIDER IT FATUOUS FOR ME TO COMMENT, NONETHELESS I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT ROY'S POSITION IS AS CLOSE TO A CRUCIAL ONE AS THIS EMBASSY HAS, REQUIRING AN OFFICER WHO IS A SELF STARTER, A HARD WORKER, AND A GOOD EXECUTIVE, WITH THE STYLE TO BE RESPECTED BY RANKING POLISH OFFICIALS AND EMINENT SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICIANS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

5. WILLIAMS -- WE'LL HELP HIM AS WE CAN, ALTHOUGH YOUR DESCRIPTION IS SOMEWHAT DISMAYING. I SUPPOSE IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO INFORM OF BEDNARCZUK'S PRIMARY ORIENTATION. INCIDENTALLY, I RAN INTO HIM AND HIS SOMEWHAT MORE PRESENTABLE FORMER EMBASSY COLLEAGUE JERZY KOWALSKI, AT CZYREK'S RECEPTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR.

6. POLISH JOURNALISTS TOUR -- WE DECIDED TO SCRATCH IT,

HOPIND THAT KORDEK WILL SEE FIT TO REVIVE IT LATER.

7. THE WARSAW POST REPORT -- COPY FOR THE NEW EDITION WAS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY. JOHN THOMPSON WAS TOLD WHEN HE CHECKED LAST MONTH THAT IT WAS "ABOUT READY TO GO INTO GALLEYS". MAYBE AN INQUIRY FROM YOU WOULD SPEED IT UP.

8. VISA FACILITATION -- WE'LL HOLD OFF. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO SHIFT VISA FUNCTIONS TO INS. SOMEBODY REMEMBERS READING A STORY IN THE HERALD TRIBUNE A WEEK OR SO AGO THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS CONSIDERING SHIFTING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING VISAS TO JUSTICE. OTHERWISE, WE HAVE NOTHING AND WILL MUCH APPRECIATE WHATEVER CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE.

9 CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL -- SAMPSONOWICZ SAID THAT THREE ISRAELI PROFESSORS ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE ON CHURCH HISTORY AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK. YOU WILL RECALL THE SEVCENKO FROM HARVARD AND SEVERAL OTHER AMERICAN ACADEMICIANS ALSO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. SEVCENKO LEFT WARSAW YESTERDAY, BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO THE US. SCHAUFLELE

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